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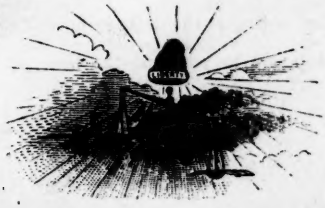

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The Publisher regrets that, owing to the delay in furnishing the Plate from the Biblia Pauperum, he has been compelled to postpone the issue of this Number. No. II. will appear April 1st.

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Joseph in cisterna quod cum invenisset
et vacuus esset non erat aqua ad fratres suos
ait puer uno quaerit et ecce quo
vobis nubes et maria magdalenam
ligatam cum duobus angelis et duobus coeperunt
quinque in sepulchro cum ait rivum ab
angelo receptus quod a mortuis
resuscitatus ipsa primo dum eum
vix invenit

Legit in libro salomonis canticorum
iii · cap° de ipsa sponsa quaerebam
quem diligit anima mea et non inveni illum hic
sponsa figuram gerit mariam
magdalene quae quem diligit
invenit in tumulo postea in
orto invenit

Querite dominum dum inveniri potest invocate eum dum
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Biblia Pauperum.

In presenting the accompanying Plate, which is an exact fac-simile of a page of one of the most rare and singular of all Block Books (Biblia Pauperum, or Bible of the Poor), it is hoped the readers of the Literary Letter will appreciate our motive in placing before them so curious an example of Bibliography.

The original, from which it has been copied, was executed, it is believed, about the year 1432, long before Guttenberg's inestimable invention of printing from movable types. Before that period, all literature was contained in manuscripts, inclosed for the most part in convents and public libraries, jealously guarded by the functionaries of those institutions, and inaccessible to the world at large, the want of some medium for conveying knowledge by simpler and less expensive means than could be effected by manuscripts, was, therefore, no doubt obvious enough. Engraving on wood-blocks had been for some time in practice; and the Biblia Pauperum, together with other works of devotion performed by a similar process, filled up the space and formed the connecting link between the tediously-achieved manuscript and wondrously formed pages sent forth by the printing-press.

It will be observed by the page now presented to our readers, that by far the larger portion is occupied by pictorial representations, and the same proportion is maintained throughout the entire work, consisting of only forty pages; each, a miracle of that mental and manual pains-taking for which the inmates of the cloister have in all ages been so justly celebrated. The original is

printed with some brownish-colored matter, altogether unlike printing ink; the blocks were smeared over with this substance, then laid down, and paper placed upon them; after which, the impression was obtained by friction—a very tedious, slow process. Now, when it is considered what a length of time it must have occupied the draughtsman to draw the pictures, and write the text, and the engraver to cut them on the block, then the time required to get off even *one* impression, it is palpable all this could only have been effected at a very considerable expenditure of time and labor, requiring, beyond all question, far different purchasers than the *poor* men, or *poor* preachers, for whom, respectively, various authorities have affirmed the work was solely compiled. Heineken alone seems responsible for the name given to the work, which is undoubtedly erroneous, and one which is not applied to it either by Schelhorn, Schœpflin, or Meerman. The probability seems to be that this singular production, consisting as it does of pictorial representations of striking portions of the New and Old Testaments, had *no* distinctive appellation, the subject-matter being deemed sufficient to show its sacredness. When we remember also that, at the time when it first made its appearance, the price must have been so high that none but princes and people of great wealth could have afforded to purchase it, as is proved by the very small number of copies ever printed or known to be in existence, and that the knowledge necessary to decipher the cramped character and interminable abbreviations of the closely written Latin sentences was possessed by very few, whether of the laity or clergy,—the conviction is more and more forced upon the mind that the term Biblia Pauperum is an entire misnomer. However this may be, certain it is, that, *with* or without title, this unique gem of the fifteenth century will ever form a most rare and interesting study to the artist and the bibliopole.

Owing to the liberality of the Trustees of the British Museum, who permitted fac-similes of this antique rarity to be published, Mr. John Russell Smith has been enabled to lay it before the public. The work was one of those contained in the magnificent library of his Majesty George III., one of whose chief delights consisted in collecting all the noblest and best editions of ancient and modern literature, the result being such a library that no more priceless heir-loom could have been devised to the British crown. His Majesty Geo. IV., who made no pretensions to literary taste, we will hope possessed the quality of patriotism, since he presented this truly Royal collection to an Institution where it is at all times accessible to the British people.

"BOOK OPENETH BOOK."

Libraries:

THEIR IMPROVEMENT, &c.

THE history of American Libraries is a history of rapid strides through progress towards perfection.

From the foundation of the first American library, at Harvard, in 1636, down to the present time, the tale has ever been the same; a grand system of enlightenment, ever adding to, ever spreading. In no case has a public library been in need, that there has not come forward some generous individual or body to its succor. This state of things is in the highest degree creditable to us as a nation, and it is fit and proper that some results which have been reached should be placed before the public that they may receive their due credit. In the year 1848, the number of public libraries in the United States, of 5,000 volumes and upwards, was 81,—containing 974,662. Ten years later, in 1858, the number containing over 5,000 volumes is 234; number of volumes, 2,849,713;—trebled in a decade. The number of public libraries of every size in the United States at present is 2,892; number of volumes, 4,280,866. In 1848 the number of public libraries in Great Britain, exceeding 10,000 volumes each, was 29; number of volumes, 1,542,400. The whole number of public libraries of this size in Europe, including Great Britain, was 383; number of volumes, 20,012,735.

But in 1857, in the Encyclopedia Britannica, Vol. XIII., Mr. Edwards gives the following statistics:

In Great Britain	68 Public Libraries.
" " "	2,560,741 Printed Books and MSS.

There are 27 principal libraries in Great Britain and on the Continent containing upwards of 150,000 volumes each, and forming in the aggregate a grand total of 8,358,582 volumes.

By these few figures it will be seen that in the Old World the tendency has been to consolidate, while, in the New, it has been to scatter and spread widely.

Thus, while we have forty times as many public libraries as Great Britain, we have only twice as many volumes. While in the latter country there are in four libraries 1,254,263 volumes, in this we have but two libraries of more than 100,000 volumes in extent. The true route of bibliothecal progress in America has been in spreading great numbers of collections, all containing the same volumes, before the public for their free use; rather than in forming a few grand establishments in a single locality, where they could only be beneficial to a small minority of the great, earnest public, so needing to be educated.

Perhaps the plan having the largest design for usefulness is that of the Public Library of Boston, which, after seven years' progress, publishes its Seventh Annual Report, containing among others the following interesting facts:

Increase during the past year	7,192 volumes	1,317 pamphlets.
Whole number of volumes in Library	78,043	
" " Tracts	19,255	
Volumes worn out in seven years	134	
" missing " "	130	
Average number of volumes circulated *per diem*	588¼	

Thus, this library, with a child's age, has taken a man's place in the world of benevolent institutions. The good which its perfect freedom of action allows it to do is incalculable. With the mushroom's growth, it has attained to the toughness of the oak and the wide spread of the Banyan.

The Mercantile Library Association of New York now numbers more than 51,000 books, and subscribes to 120 Newspapers and 150 Magazines, in five different languages.

The Astor Library, of New York, in a decade of years, has accumulated 110,000 volumes,—being the most extensive on the Western Continent.

These three are types of classes.

The first, the absolutely *free* library, blending in its contents the useful and the entertaining, having for its object the instruction and amusement of the masses.

The second, the growth of a want of relaxation on the part of the mercantile community, is self-supporting, and self-regulating; it is American in its birth and establishment.

The third, the only representative on this continent of the libraries of the Old World. The place for deposit of such works as are not to be obtained elsewhere, it must be guarded with jealous care by its keepers; accident or loss, in this instance, cannot be replaced. It teaches through the teacher; it enlightens the educated, and through them its treasures are digested and scattered broadcast over the world. It seems aristocratic because it is lofty in its aims, and sturdy in its progress; yet in its results it is eminently democratic.

Such are the ways in which the library element is diffused in our country. They are suited to the many different features of character and composition of our people; they are all wise and good, and their results cannot be foretold.

Revolutionary Correspondence.

OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS, Local Correspondence, and, indeed, manuscripts of every sort, are the landmarks of history. Perhaps more disputed points have been settled, more errors corrected, by the chance appearance of letters or documents, than in any other way. In our own country and its history, of course, those relating to the Revolution are more interesting and of greater importance than any others, and, in this article, we wish to refer particularly to two collections, each possessing special intrinsic merits of its own, and both highly valuable as having served to elucidate many doubtful problems. These Collections are known among collectors as the "*Hartley and Franklin Mss.*" and the "*Livingston Correspondence.*"

The first of these consists of papers left by David Hartley, Esq., his Majesty's Commissioner to the Peace Congress, held at Paris, in 1783; they comprise letters and documents to the amount of nearly two hundred, all copied neatly in the handwriting of David Hartley, and extending from April 18th, 1783, to the final ratification of the Treaty.

Contained in this collection are the directions of the king to his Commissioners; the long and extremely important letters of Fox, Wm. Fawkener, W. Temple Franklin, Washington, Geo. Clinton, Col. Trumbull, Benj. Franklin, and others; the powers granted to the English Commissioners, powers granted to the American Commissioners, with the signatures of Adams, Franklin, Jay, and Laurens; letters of congratulation on the birth of a princess, &c., &c., &c.

These form a complete history of the treaty, and also include copies of the treaty itself, both in its progressive and finished state. The collection serves to show the management of politicians of the period, and the extreme difficulty found in obtaining a treaty upon the desired basis. But perhaps the most valuable and remarkable curiosity, is the map used by the Commissioners; it was drawn in pen-and-ink, by Benjamin Franklin, and, although discolored by age, is still in good preservation. It is not impossible but that it may hereafter become an important witness.

The Livingston Correspondence is comprised in a series of letters, mounted and elegantly bound in seven volumes folio, half Russia. Among others, there are 29 Autograph Letters of Washington, interesting as well for the information they convey, as for their rarity. Letters of Generals Arnold, Lee, Wayne, Gaines, Greene; Col. Moultrie, Baron DeKalb, Lafayette, Count de Rochambeau, Sir Henry Clinton, Lord Rawdon, Lord Cornwallis, Baron Steuben, Duke Lauzun, Col. Trumbull, Aaron Burr, Boudinot, and many others from parties more or less acquainted with the occurrences of the period. In them the war, its causes and progress, the disaffection of

officers, the weakness of the army, exchanges of prisoners, &c., are all familiarly and confidentially discussed. Our space does not permit extended illustration, but we give below a few selections, taken at a cursory glance through the volumes:

Jon. Trumbull writes, on the Finances of the Country, "We shall be carried through our present confusion, and landed on happy ground."

Gen. Washington—In relation to Exchange of Prisoners.

The same—Demanding supplies from New Jersey.

Wm. Churchill Houston—On necessity of relief for the Army.

Robert Morris says, "The American Navy will most certainly become, one day or other, respectable on the ocean, however depressed now."

Gen. Knox invites Gov. Livingston to dinner.

Jos. Reed speaks of the "fall of Charlestown and capture of the garrison and stores."

Baron Steuben writes discontentedly, and intimates his intention of resigning.

John Jay—Announcing the birth of a daughter.

Gen. Greene writes about "grain and forage for the army."

Gen. Washington announces his determination to proceed against New York.

The same—Warrant to impress forage for the army.

Letters of Wm. Churchill Houston, of which there are many, give more information than those of any other writer in the collection. To the historian, they will be found of inestimable value. We would specially recommend them to the attention of New Jersey and New York, as they contain information particularly valuable to these States. These Mss can all be seen at the office of the "Literary Letter."

Bibliography of the United States.

II.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

A Descriptive Catalogue of Books and Pamphlets

RELATING TO THE

HISTORY AND STATISTICS OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, OR PORTIONS OF IT.

PREPARED BY SAMUEL C. EASTMAN, OF CONCORD, 1859.

Address of the Great State Convention of Friends of the Administration, assembled at the Capitol, in Concord, June 12, 1828, with the Speech of Mr. Bartlett in reply to the charges which have been made against Mr. Adams. Concord: 1828. 12mo. pp. 24.

——— To the Electors of New Hampshire. July 30, 1804. pp. 14.

Alstead. A Sermon preached at Alstead, on the first Sabbath in January, 1826. With historical sketches of the Town. By Seth S. Arnold, Pastor of the First Congregational Church and Society, it being ten years since his Ordination. Alstead, N. H., 1826. 8vo. pp. 48.

America. A Brief Narrative of the Original Undertakings of the Advancement of Plantations into the parts of America. London, 1858.

*** For full title, see "Bibliography of Maine."

America Painted to the Life. London, 1658.

*** For full title and description, see "Bibliography of Maine."

American Quart. Reg., Vol. xiii. Contains a History of Newspapers published in New Hampshire from 1756 to 1840.

Amherst. Bills of Mortality for:

1805—1814, Mass. Hist. Col., Vol. xiv., 73–77. By John Farmer. With Remarks.

1805—1819, Farmer & Moore's Coll., Vol. i, 80, 81.

1815—1826, Mass. Hist. Col., Vol. xxii., 298–9. Continued to 1837 in Farmer's Hist. Sketch.

——— A Sketch of Amherst, N. H., with Abstract of the Weather for 1811 (written in 1814). By John Farmer. Mass. Hist. Col., Vol. xii., pp. 247–255. Revised as: Historical Sketch of Amherst. Amherst: 1820. 8vo. pp. 35. 2d edition, continued to 1837. Enlarged. Concord, N. H.: McFarland, 1837. 12mo. pp. 52. (N. A. Rev. xlvi., 536–538,) and in N. H. Hist. Col., Vol. v., 79–128.

Amory, Thomas C. Life of James Sullivan, with Selections from his Writings. 2 vols. 8vo. Boston: Phillips, Sampson & Co., 1859.

Amoskeag Falls. Note on Amoskeag Falls, from Mott's Abridgment of the Philosophical Transactions, Vol. ii., Part 11, 12. Farmer & Moore's Coll., Vol. i., 168.

Andover, Topographical and Historical Sketch of, by S. B. Moore. Farmer & Moore's Coll., Vol. 9–24. Also published in Concord, 1822. 8vo. pp. 24.

Answer to (20) Queries sent from the Lords of Trade and Plantations, Jan. 22, 1730. (Statistics of the Province of N. H.) N. H. Hist. Coll., Vol. i., 227–230.

Antrim, Half-Century Sermon preached in, by Rev. John M. Whiton, 1838.

——— Brief Notices of the Town of Antrim, By Rev. John M. Whiton. N. H. Hist. Coll., Vol. iv., 216–224.

——— History of the Town of Antrim, N. H., for a period of one century, from 1744 to 1844. By Rev. John M. Whiton. Concord: McFarland & Jenks, 1852. 8vo. pp. 95.

Appeal to the Old Whigs of New Hampshire. Feb. 1805. pp. 16.

Atkinson, History of, by Wm. Cogswell. N. H. Hist. Coll., Vol. 6. Concord, 1856.

Attempt to establish a Play-House in New Hampshire, 1762. N. H. Hist. Coll., Vol. v., 247–250.

Baptist Church in New Hampshire. A Centennial Discourse delivered on the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Formation of the Baptist Church, Newton, N. H., October 18, 1855. By William Lamson, Pastor of Middle-Street Church, Portsmouth, N. H. Portsmouth: C. W. Brewster & Son, Printers, 1856. 16mo. pp. 62.

——— Churches. Annals of the Baptist Churches in New Hampshire; a Sermon preached before the New Hampshire Baptist State Convention, at its Tenth Annual Meeting, held at Deerfield, Oct. 20, 1835. By Ebenezer E. Cummings, Pastor of the Baptist Church, Concord. Concord, N. H.: Marsh, Capen & Lyon, 1836. 8vo. pp. 52.

*** Rev. Ebenezer E. Cummings, D. D., of Concord, is now engaged upon the History of Baptist Ministers in New Hampshire, a portion of which will soon be published.

——— Ministers in New Hampshire in 1775. See American Quart. Reg., Vol. xi., from page 44.

Barstow, George. The History of New Hampshire, from its Discovery, in 1614, to the passage of the Toleration Act, in 1819. Concord: T. S. Boyd, 1842. 8vo., Port., pp. 426.

Barton, Cyrus. Defence of Cyrus Barton against the Attacks of Honorable Isaac Hill, upon the establishment of the N. H. Patriot and State Gazette, September 7, 1840. 8vo.

Bath, Historical Sketch of, by David Southerland. Sept., 1814. Mass. Hist. Col., Vol. xiii., 105–109.

Bedford. A Topographical and Historical Sketch of Bedford, in the County of Hillsborough, with Ancient Documents relating to the History of New Hampshire. By A. Foster and

P. P. Woodbury. N. H. Hist. Col., Vol. 1, 288–296.

Bedford. A Historical Sketch of Bedford, N. H., being a Discourse delivered Sabbath afternoon, July 4th, 1841, in the Presbyterian Meeting House, by Thomas Savage, Pastor of the Church. Manchester, N. H.: Printed by Emerson & Murray, 1841. pp. 16.

——— An Address, delivered at Bedford, N. H., on the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Town, May 19th, 1850. By Isaac O. Barnes. Boston: Alfred Mudge, 1850. 8vo. pp. 45.

——— History of Bedford; being Statistics compiled on the occasion of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Incorporation of the Town, May 19, 1850. Boston: Alfred Mudge, 1851.

Belknap, Jeremy. The History of New Hampshire. Vol. I. (1615–1712). Philadelphia: Printed for the Author by R. Aitken, 1784. 8vo. pp. viii., 361, lxxxiv. Repr., Boston: 1792. 8vo. Vol. II. (1715–1790). Boston: Printed for the Author by Thomas & Andrews, 1791. 8vo. pp. 493. Vol. III. (Statistics.) Boston: Printed for the Author by Thomas & Young, 1792. 8vo. pp. 480, 8. 2d edition. Boston: 1810–1813. 3 vols. 8vo. 3d edition. With Notes and Illustrations, by John Farmer. Dover: Stevens & Wadleigh, 1831. Vol. i., 8vo., Port., pp. 512.

——— Original Letters relating to Dr. Belknap's History of New Hampshire, 1791. N. H. Hist. Col., Vol. 1, 284–288. Depositions of Barefoote, Mason, &c., 1683, ad Belknap. Vol. 1, 224. N. H. Hist. Col., Vol. i., 195. (N. A. Rev. xviii., p. 34, xlvi., 480.)

——— Life of, the Historian of New Hampshire; with Selections from his Correspondence, and other Writings. Collected and arranged by his Grand-daughter. 16mo. N. Y., 1847.

Boscawen, a Descriptive and Historical Account of. By John Farmer. Concord, 1821. Mass. Hist. Coll., Vol. xx., 71–76.

——— A Chronological Register of Boscawen, in the County of Merrimack, and State of New Hampshire, from the first Settlement of the Town to 1820. In Three Parts: Descriptive, Historical, and Miscellaneous. Compiled by an Order of the Town, passed March, 1819. By Ebenezer Price, A. M., Pastor of the Second Church in said Town. Concord: Jacob B. Moore, 1823. 8vo. pp. 116.

Boundary. An Historical Sketch of the Northern Boundary of New Hampshire. N. H. Hist. Coll, Vol. ii., 267–290.

——— Report of the Commissioners, on the Boundary Line between New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Concord: June 16, 1826. pp. 7.

——— Report of Commissioners appointed to settle the Line between New Hampshire and Maine, Nov. 1828. pp. 18.

——— Report of Henry O. Kent, Commissioned on the part of New Hampshire, to Ascertain, Survey, and Mark the Eastern Boundary of said State, from the town of Fryeburg to the Canada Line. 1859. Concord: Geo. G. Fogg, State Printer.

Bouton, Nathaniel, D. D. Centennial Discourses. Concord: by Jacob B. Moore, 1830.

——— List of Pastors, Deacons, and Members of the 1st Congregational Church in Concord, from 18 November, 1730, to 18 November, 1830. Concord: Asa McFarland, 1830, pp. 21.

——— History of Education in New Hampshire. A Discourse delivered before the New Hampshire Historical Society, June 12, 1833. Concord: Jacob B. Moore, 1833.

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Canterbury. Instances of Longevity in Canterbury, N. H., from 1793 to 1823. N. H. Hist. Col., vol. iii. pp. 151, 152.

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——— of New Hampshire by Order of the Legislature. Concord: State Printer, 1850.

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Chase, Francis. Gathered Sketches from the early History of New Hampshire and Vermont, containing vivid and interesting accounts of the Adventures of our Forefathers, original and selected. Claremont, N. H.: Tracy, Henny & Co., 1856.

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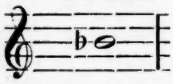

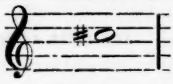

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